Buxton Woods Coastal Reserve Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, December 12, 2011, 3 – 5 pm Buxton Fire Station

Attendance

LAC Members	Affiliation/Interest	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Carol Anderson	Community Member	No
Commissioner Allen Burrus	Dare County	No
Ranger David Carter	Cape Hatteras National Seashore	No
Officer Steve Jarvis	N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Enforcement	No
Mr. Frank Jennings	N.C. Division of Coastal Management	No
Mr. Russ Kiddy	Adjacent Land Owner	No
Mrs. Kathy Kiddy	Adjacent Land Owner	No
Ms. Marcia Lyons	Community Member	No
Mr. John McCord	UNC Coastal Studies Institute	No
Ms. Pat Moore	Community Member	Yes
Lieutenant Doug Oberbeck	Dare County Sheriff's Office	No
Ranger Rob Shackelford	N.C. Division of Forest Resources	Yes
<u>Others</u>		
Bryan Perry	Buxton Fire Department/Hunting Community	Yes
Rebecca Ellin	NCCR/NCNERR, Reserve Manager	Yes
Claudia Jones	NCCR/NCNERR, Northern Sites Manager	Yes

<u>Reserve Update – Rebecca Ellin</u>

Local Advisory Committee Operating Procedures Document

The Local Advisory Committee (LAC) operating procedures document is anticipated to be finalized in January and will be sent out to the LAC members via email. It lays out the purpose and roles of the committees, the committee composition, member selection and responsibilities, terms of service. Community members will remain on the committee for five years. There will be a call for new members in March.

Staff Updates

- Dr. Braxton Davis is the new Director of the N.C. Division of Coastal Management as
 of December 1, 2011. Dr. Davis was previously the Director of the Policy and
 Planning Division with South Carolina's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource
 Management.
- Mr. Jason Dail moved from the Stewardship and Education Specialist position with the Reserve to a field representative position with the Division in the Wilmington Regional Office.
- The GIS Specialist position was impacted by the budget reductions in 2011 and Ms. Jacquie Ott is no longer working for the program.
- Mr. Scott Kucera resigned from the Education Coordinator position in July 2011.
- Dr. Bo Dame resigned from the Northern Sites Manager position in January 2011.
- Claudia Jones is currently serving as the temporary Northern Sites Manager while we work to fill the position permanently.

Rules and Policies Review Process

The draft rule language is under review within the Division. Next steps include refining the draft language internally and seeking input from N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission, and the Local Advisory Committees. There will also be a series of public meetings. The Reserve anticipates bringing draft language to the LAC's in 2012.

<u>Site Update – Claudia Jones</u>

- A group of students from NCSU volunteered in the Reserve during their spring break. The group was recruited by local NCSU student Jonathan Burrus. The students cleared trails, the graveyard off of Old Doctor's Road, and boundary lines. They also picked up a lot of trash. Thanks to Russ Kiddy for removing the trash from the site.
- The Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) staff helped replace two culverts on Old Doctors Rd. (Culverts were replaced last year on Peter's Ditch.) They also filled some of the holes on Old Doctors Rd. They have indicated that they will work with us on maintaining the road in the future.
- The WRC also helped with clean up of trees on roads and trails after Hurricane Irene. They have been a tremendous help.
- Recent vandalism at the Reserve has included shooting of the kiosk and several signs at the entrance on Old Doctors Rd. Several trail signs have also been taken.

Member Roundtable and Other Comments

• Pat Moore requested that the Reserve participate in the Wings Over Water event to be held in November 2012.

- Bryan Perry requested a key to the gate on Flowers Ridge for the fire department in case of fire.
- Rob Shackelford and Bryan Perry brought up fire management and noted that there is grant money available until December 2012 for fire suppression activities and prescribed burns. We agreed to set up a meeting to discuss further. It was brought up that based on projections next year is anticipated to be drier than the past year.
- Pat commented that she would like to see the local schools encouraged to use the Reserve and be included in activities.
- Harvey Scarborough suggested that Reserve staff consider prohibiting access to violators of state or local rules/regulations that occur on the Reserve. Rebecca Ellin was not sure under what authority we could have such a policy. It was suggested that perhaps it could be part of an offender's sentence.
- LAC members agreed to have two meetings a year. One in the spring and one in late fall.
- Pat Moore suggested that Reserve staff make use of the Dare County government channel and the Coastland Times to get information out to the general public.
- Rebecca Ellin asked if there was any progress in finding a location for a target shooting range. Bryan Perry reported that the school team was using land behind the Burrus' house.

Meeting Follow Up

- Claudia Jones will follow up to schedule a spring meeting date and a meeting to talk about a fire plan.
- Claudia Jones followed up with Pat Moore about Wings Over Water. Reserve staff is scheduled to lead a hike in the Reserve on November 8 from 9-11 AM.